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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NIO Sponsored Seminar on Yugoslav Affairs

1. [] NIO for Soviet and East European Affairs, brought together most of the principal intelligence officers in the community dealing with Yugoslavia [] 13-14 May. The primary purpose was to assess the community's views on likely Yugoslav events in the first six months after Tito dies.

2. The discussion revealed a wide range of agreement both on general analysis of the immediate post-Tito era and on those information gaps that prevent firm judgments on certain key topics. [] and [] of the IC Staff concluded the conference with favorable remarks on the lack of significant differences within the community on the Tito succession. The joint discussions will help ease coordination of the SNIE that the Director has ordered produced within 24 hours of Tito's death.

3. The session [] was also remarkably useful in providing OCI/EEY with some better insights into the potential []

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5. The session also crystalized some concern over the primary information gap on Yugoslavia [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is considering some recommendations on the topic, one of which might be to coordinate a current project in OPR with a proposed RAND study. [REDACTED] reported that its analysts are gradually getting away from counting aircraft and have upgraded military/political topics as a production priority. These are encouraging and hopeful signs that one of the toughest analytic problems in Yugoslav affairs may come into better perspective.

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6. In all, the conference proved to be a valuable experience, that bears repeating on a regular (annual?) basis.

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Attendance:

CIA--NIO for Soviet and EE Affairs, [REDACTED] 25X1
Assistant NIO, [REDACTED] 25X1
--IC Staff representative for EE, [REDACTED] 25X1
--OCI/EE Branch Chief, [REDACTED] 25X1
Yugoslav analyst, [REDACTED] 25X1
--OER Yugoslav analyst, [REDACTED] 25X1
25X1 --DDO/Reports, [REDACTED]
NSA/EURCOM Division Chief, [REDACTED] 25X1
25X1 DIA/Estimates, [REDACTED]
DIA/Soviet-EE analyst, [REDACTED] 25X1
INR/Yugoslav desk officer, Paul Costalanski

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